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It's Spring and, Knock, Knock, The Ice Has Melted Off Of Those Door-to-Door Solicitations

Door-to-Door solicitations may seem enticing when they are face-to-face with you, but take a step back and ask yourself if you would buy this product or service if the person was not using aggressive tactics to make the sale.

Some of the more popular solicitations to be aware of include:

Alarm / Security Systems
Chimney or Gutter Cleaning
Tree Trimming
Magazine Sales
Discount Building Materials
Home Repair or Modification
Driveway Repair
Roof Repair

Keep in mind the following:

- 1) Don't do business on the spot. You can, and should, always get a second opinion.
- 2) Remember that a receipt is worth nothing unless the business is valid and reputable.
- 3) Read what you are signing, do not take their word for it.
- 4) Never pay for services in cash.
- 5) Don't be afraid to offend someone by not doing business with them.
- 6) Never let someone in your home who you did not invite in.
- 7) If you feel that you are in a high pressure situation, take a step back and do your research. Check with the Better Business Bureau to see what their rating is, check business license numbers, and verify promises they have made.

It is important to exercise extreme caution when presented with door-to-door solicitations of any kind. Ultimately it is your safety that is most important. Not only your personal safety but the safety of your hard earned money as well. Remember unsolicited products should be researched carefully.

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